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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant/DDI (NSC)

SUBJECT: Comments on Memorandum for the NSC  
Planning Board of March 18, 1954 --  
"Export of U.S. Agricultural Surpluses  
for Non-Perishable Soviet Materials"

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I gather from Mr. Amory's telephone conversation of 20 March with a member of my staff, [REDACTED] that on papers of this kind OHR should focus its comments on those aspects of the presentation dealing with the Soviet Bloc. With this in mind, I would like to comment only on paragraph 1. d. There might well be a security disadvantage to the United States if the Soviets obtained quantities of selected U.S. agricultural products sufficient to permit a significant improvement in the consumption levels during periods when critical food shortages may be causing discernible unrest.

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